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SW Community House Program Detailed

By Clinton Anderson, Community House Director

The Southwest Community House has been providing quality service to the community since 1901. It has a rich and vast history of providing empowerment to the low and moderate income residents of the Southwest and Near-Southeast. The services include: emergency assistance in the area of food and clothing distribution, budgetary, family and crisis counseling, and food stamp certification. Employment assistance in the form of job readiness, training, development, placement and referrals, youth programming, to include mentoring and self-esteem development. Senior citizen services, to include emergency assistance, therapy, and a homemakers' club, as well as recreational activities. It is located at 156 Q St. S.W.

During the Christmas season, the House provided 312 food baskets and distributed 225

new toys to the community. Among the many recipients of Christmas baskets: Mr. Gwendolyn Robertson, with a family of five, was quoted as saying to Ms. Delores Mack, the agency's Emergency Service Coordinator, "without you all, my family would not have had a Christmas dinner--the Southwest House always comes through." Another recipient, Ms. Wendy Perkins, family of ten, also gave her heart-filled thanks and blessings.

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Southwest Community House, 156 Q St., SW

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES IN SW

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1. Tutors are needed to tutor elementary children from the community. They meet at the Riverside Baptist Church, 7th Street at Maine Ave., SW. For more info. please call Barbara Bouton at 301-320-4192 or the pastor at the church's office at 554-4330.

2. Amidon Elementary School also has a tutoring program, as well as other volunteer opportunities. Contact Ms. Wanda Fox, 554-330.

3. Temple Micah/St. Augustine's has a group composed of members of both denominations. They assemble lunch bags for more than 90 homeless men staying at the Randall

Shelter. St. Dominic's makes the sandwiches on Wednesday night for the Thursday Program. The "baggers" meet at St. Augustine's/Temple Micah, 600 M St. on Thursday at 6:00. If you'd like to help, please come by.

Mr. Walker, the supervisor of the Randall Shelter informed the *Southwester* that Friendship Baptist Church prepared 'Xmas Dinner for the shelter while Holy Redeemer Church fixed their Thanksgiving Feast. Every Saturday and Sunday morning, Way of the Cross Church (several of the residents come from there) provides everyone with a warm drink and a snack. In addition, several individual donors (who prefer to remain anonymous) give occasionally. Until the end of the school year in June, 1992, Amidon used to fix bag lunches once a month.

If other churches are interested in expanding this program, please call R. Walker

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SW Money Flow Discussed By Portals Exec, Branton CDC

Some of the mystery surrounding the flow of money to Southwest community groups from the Portals developers was explained at a Dec. 16th board meeting of the Wiley Branton Community Development Corp. when Portals spokesman Albert "Butch" Hopkins told the Branton board, "No one has come around [to Portals] asking questions" about whether Portals is meeting its community obligations.

The Portals development, including a \$70 million structure, rests on land sold to the developers by the DC government. As part of a contract during the sale, the District's Redevelopment Land Agency required the developers to give preferential hiring treatment to Southwest residents and to make monetary contributions to improve the Southwest community.

At one point, the developers advertised in the *Southwester*, asking people to suggest an organization in the Southwest to distribute the money under the developers' agreement with the DC Redevelopment Land Agency.

After that, a meeting of spokespersons from the developers and from Wiley Branton CDC met in a K Street office in Georgetown and Wiley Branton CDC was chosen as the organization through which developers' community contributions would reach various Southwest community organizations. Ron Britt, many months later was elected president of WBCDC and was at that meeting. Hopkins told the Dec. 16th Wiley Branton meeting that he might have a record of the K Street discussions.

That meeting was reflected in official documents, but the documents and later oral amendments are the subject of dispute among the developers, Wiley Branton Community Development Corp. and the Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2-D. Apparently the Redevelopment Land Agency has not taken a leading role in the dispute nor in settling it.

Wiley Branton Community Development Corp. (WBCDC) was not fully organized at that time and the developers, to meet their contractual agreement with the DC government, participated in a Panel of 5, made up of a representative of Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2-D, two representatives from the developers, one from DC's employment security unit, and one from the Redevelopment Land Agency.

To assist WBCDC to get organized, the Portals developers gave it \$25,000.

But WBCDC was bypassed in the distribution of other community awards. Money went to several Southwest groups.

None of the \$25,000 was spent as WBCDC made a new start and was re-chartered in 1990 by the DC government. It began its operations, discussing policy, getting acquainted with development patterns and development organizations in the District. Board members were elected in the Fall of 1991 at St. Matthews Lutheran Church following a meeting of the SW Neighborhood Assembly.

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Sylvia Keys, thank you for designing the new lettering for the *SOUTHWESTER* Masthead. It is a fresh start for the new year. Ms. Keys is a professional calligrapher who owns Key Graphics. It opened for business in 1980 and is at 1905 15th Street, N.W. and the number is 797-3797. Keys studied at the Smithsonian, Calligraphy School in Los Angeles, as well as studying under the Masters. Clients include the U.S. Office of Personnel Management (Presidential Appointment certificates), the National Gallery of Art (various projects), Marriott Corporation (menus, place cards, signs, consulting), Georgetown University (certificates, signs), the White House (certificates), as well as various associations, businesses and private individuals.

Keys has taught classes at Lipmans Art Supply Store in Silver Spring, Maryland College of Art & Design, Jefferson Jr. High (S.W. Festival of the Arts, grant), D.C. Department of Recreation, Syphax Elementary School, as well as holding private lessons.

Some of you may remember the "thank-you notes" which the S.W. Scholarship Fund sent out. They were designed and lettered by Keys. Her prices are low so that community organizations can afford her services.

Since 1980, Sylvia Keys has donated 10% of her profits (and 40% of her time), to mentor a 9 year old boy at Syphax Elementary School, in Southwest Washington. Keys says, "Business has been good, one must give back something to the community."

Volunteer Opportunities

after 7:00 at Randall - 479-0016 or during the day at 301-973-8384 (this is a beeper so please leave your number).

4. SW Community House - help with Senior Program, call shut-ins, help with after-school-care; call Thelma Daniels, 484-3133 at SWCH, 156 Q St., SW

5. Food and Friends - Prepares & delivers meals to homebound people with AIDS. It services clients in the greater Metropolitan Area, as well as, S.W. It is located in the basement of Westminster Church, 400 - I St., S.W. Call Brent if you want to help cook meals or if you can deliver. They provide services Monday - Saturday. The number is 488-8278.

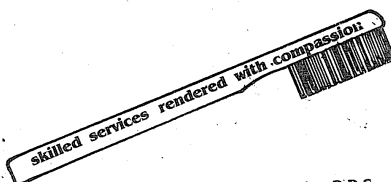
6. Southwest Neighborhood Assembly spearheads various committees such as the *Southwester*, the SW Scholarship Committee and the Youth Activities Task Force. Please say "yes" when someone calls you to volunteer.

Capital Park IV - Fees Held Level

Robert Bolle was re-elected president of the Capital Park IV Condominium of town houses between Third Street SW and the playing field located adjacent to South Capitol Street and between I Street and the Eisenhower Freeway.

Monthly fees for owners of condos in Capital Park IV were set at the same rates in 1993 that were paid in 1992.

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D.C. fireboat wins 1st prize in WWA's annual FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS - This is the proud crew of the John H. Glenn

FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS PRIZE

Washington Waterfront Association Vice President, Damian Buckley (manager of the Gangplank Restaurant), presented first prize (two tickets on Air West to anywhere the line flies) in the Holiday lighting contest to Sergeant Glenn Pickerel. The ceremony was held December 23 at the Police and Fire Pier.

Southwesterners' Xmas Parties

Seniors and children were guests at special Christmas parties for them in December. Options, Inc. was the host for their 7th Annual Seniors Christmas dinner on Dec. 17th. About 100 seniors and some special guests enjoyed a traditional turkey dinner at St. Matthews Lutheran Church. The guests were entertained by a very large group of children from Anthony Bowen School who sang seasonal songs from Christian, Jewish, and Kwanza traditions.

Henry Moore, Executive of Options, was the genial host and MC. Many Options volunteers prepared the food and helped in giving out presents to each senior, flowers to special guests, and bags of oranges and apples and cookies to the children.

About 500 children at King-Greenleaf Recreation Center enjoyed a Christmas dinner on Monday December 21st at the Center and a large number were taken on a shopping spree at the dollar store, all from funds contributed by the residents of River Park Coop. Phoebe Layton was the River Park Committee Chair and Wallace Darius was the liaison to Mr. Evans, Acting Director at King-Greenleaf. This is the third year that River Park has sponsored this party. Many volunteers helped with the party and taking the children shopping.

These two events, as well as the many public and private parties held in our neighborhood showed the true neighborhood spirit in Southwest.

Turning Anger Into Change

DC Rape Crisis Center and DC Self Defense Karate Association are sponsoring a self defense class for women at Augustana Lutheran Church, 15th and V Streets, N.W., from February 2 to 25, 1993, time 7:30 - 9:00 p.m. Participants will learn how to defend themselves against the most common holds assailants use. Anyone interested in organizing a group in SW? Call the DC Rape Crisis Center, 202-232-0789, for details.

Correction

Dana Winner, a board member of the Wiley Branton Community Development Corp., was listed in last month's *Southwester* as standing for re-election to the group's board. That was wrong. She is in her second year of a three-year term.

UPCOMING FREE ARENA EVENTS

Besides having great shows, The Arena Stage has free discussion groups which meet on Sunday at 2:00 pm. The first "Signature Series" of the year meets January 31 meets to discuss "Brothers Under the Skin: Genesis Unraveled" in conjunction with "Blood Knot". Sunday, February 14 at 2:00 pm the "Theater as Discovery" Symposium Series will talk about "Shakespeare in Sable", this discussion compliments the show, "The African Company".

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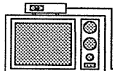
The SW Chapter of the A.A.R.P. meets every third Wednesday at St. Matthew's church, 3rd & M Street at 12:30 PM

For more info, call Emma Mitchell at 554-0596 also

This chapter of AARP is planning a trip to Atlantic City February 22-24 (3 days, 2 nights), call Barbara Hawkins at 301-871-8728 or Mildred Twitty at 488-0698. Info. is available about cost, hotel and transportation.

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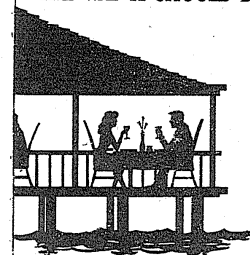
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Wiley Branton CDC - Portal Developers Talk

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WBCDC held its first operational meeting early in 1992. Shortly after, the board elected as president Ron Britt, as vice president David Brewer, as treasurer Alphonso Coles, and as secretary Donald Macdonald.

The banked \$25,000 from Portals was saved, plus interest, for WBCDC work, and the Panel of 5 asked WBCDC to make recommendations on where the developers' 1992 contributions should go. Neighborhood groups were asked to submit applications. Some applications had earlier gone to the Panel of 5. WBCDC organized a committee which reviewed the applications and made recommendations on all of them to the Panel of 5.

Meanwhile WBCDC established temporary offices and hired as a part-time employee Wyatt Green, who had recently graduated from college after taking part in aid programs organized by Southwest community groups. No one else has received money from WBCDC excepting a lawyer, retailers of office supplies, and churches renting space to WBCDC.

Panel of 5 Controls

In 1992 the developers, seeing WBCDC's organization proceeding, asked WBCDC to review grant applications for its funding of community groups. WBCDC set up a board committee to review applications. Some were sent on to Portals with recommendations that they be funded. Some of the applications to Portals and to WBCDC were returned to those wanting the money. WBCDC in most of those cases asked for additional information and, at the same time, offered in the notification letters to help any agency which needed help in putting together data to complete its application.

There followed a period when none of the applicants received money and WBCDC was the subject of criticism in the community. After several weeks (months in some cases) the developers began releasing grant awards money.

When Butch Hopkins spoke to the WBCDC board meeting on Dec. 16th, he reported that the developers had given the community \$66,000 in 1992. A year earlier they had given the community \$146,000. The 1992 money included funds for a passenger van to be operated by the SW Community House, money for scholarships, and for other uses. For instance, after the Dec. 16th meeting, the *Southwester* received enough to total some \$600 in 1992.

WBCDC has, itself, been pressing Portals developers for money WBCDC believes it is owed.

At the board meeting WBCDC Pres. Ron Britt said that he understood, under the contract between developers and the Redevelopment Land Agency, even though talks had modified the obligation, WBCDC was still supposed to get \$150,000 for awarding to community agencies, plus \$25,000 for WBCDC administrative support.

Heated Debate

Hopkins read a portion of Page 7 of the document he claimed ruled the money flow. It was



Mrs. Ethel James Williams introduces Mrs. Wiley Branton at CDC annual meeting

the Portals Development Associates Grant Program Requirements document, a product of the contract with city authorities. That portion contradicted Britt's views. Hopkins said the \$25,000 was for cultural and art promotion.

WBCDC board member Gottlieb Simon, who is also the executive for Advisory Neighborhood 2-D operations, challenged Hopkins' view of the financial arrangements, holding in his hand documents that stated a different set of figures and Portals obligations.

Hopkins repeated that oral agreements made at several meetings had modified those documents.

Part of the differences related to transactions made over ten years ago. Hopkins explained that he heads the developers' Office of Business and Community Assistance. He said that Eastcoast, a development firm, first bid in 1981 on what is now the Portals development at the eastern end of the 14th Street Bridge. In doing so, it was required by the District to draw up a plan committing the developers to specific ways to aid the community, including hiring people from Southwest for constructing the new buildings and in later filling jobs available in the buildings so far as the developers controlled those jobs.

Nothing came of that bid on the property, and a new round of bids was called for by the District. Eastcoast's 1987 bid also included a community participation plan, Hopkins said. It was from that plan, he said, that he read a portion of Page 7 to the WBCDC meeting.

The debate heated up. Speakers were interrupted. When Portals was criticized for holding up community awards, Hopkins replied that a major federal agency, which promised to occupy much of Portals' office space, had cancelled that promise. Further, Hopkins reminded the WBCDC board that most office and retail development in DC and the nation had suffered heavily during the Reagan/Bush years. He said the developers' cash flow did not warrant putting the large sums of money to the community.

WBCDC secretary and board member Donald Macdonald told Hopkins that, while he was not privy to the early history of the WBCDC/Portals negotiations, but that "All here agree that we are trying to benefit the Southwest community. We represent the community. In return, you [the developers] get good community relations." He added, "WBCDC was selected as the most comprehensive, most convenient group through which Portals should channel money to community projects."

"More than two years have gone by," said Macdonald. It has been tragic that only a little money has gone out."

Macdonald then praised Portals for supporting the Youth Activity Task Force. He said that the

money flow was confusing and that a clear system for putting the money in the community is needed.

After the meeting Macdonald told the *Southwester* that discussion revealed three disputes:

1. The developers claim the \$25,000 item is part of their \$150,000 per year obligation. WBCDC says the \$25,000 is an additional annual obligation.

2. WBCDC claims that community money not spent in any one year accrues for later distribution. The developers disagree, saying a new start is made each year.

3. The developers say the \$25,000 is for their administrative expenses in dealing with grants and for meeting their community obligations. WBCDC says the \$25,000 is meant to support WBCDC grants administration and to promote development projects in Southwest DC.

Grants System Clarification

There appeared to be agreement on both sides that the distribution of community awards is confused. Hopkins said "We would all agree there should be a clear procedure; a timetable for applications, reviews and awards. We've been talking about that some time."

"As for helping neighborhood groups write proposals, we know such groups exist. We also know that we must deal with 501(c)(3) organizations. [Nonprofit groups allowed taxfree operations under Internal Revenue Service regulations. WBCDC did not get Internal Revenue Service approval until mid-1992.] We didn't see WBCDC helping local groups writing proposals."

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"You are wrong," said Macdonald.

Dana Winner, WBCDC board member who headed the WBCDC recommending committee that reviewed applications, told Hopkins that her committee had informed applicants in writing that WBCDC would give help to applicants needing aid in completing their proposals.

Mrs. Ethel James Williams, a WBCDC board member, said she was new on the board and that "The historical process is unknown to me. We must develop community trust. We shouldn't get lost in a struggle for power. We need to know where the power is" and respond accordingly.

As for Hopkins' interpretation that the \$25,000 figure was meant for arts and culture, Mrs. Williams said, "That is new to us. We must account for every dollar we spend." If Hopkins had a list of charity objectives, which he had mentioned, that list should be given to WBCDC, she said.

Hopkins replied that some community groups had been displeased with WBCDC. Mrs. Williams asked if WBCDC had complied with all of Portals' requests for information. When the answer was vague, she then asked whether the Panel of 5 had evaluated WBCDC. Hopkins didn't answer directly, but said that some community groups had alleged that WBCDC hadn't reviewed their applications.

Britt said it was understandable that, in any community, there would be persons dissatisfied with public groups. But, he said, "We started in immediately [when Portals asked WBCDC to review applications] to clear the pipeline of all applications. We cleared the pipeline."

Miss Katana Dixon, a recently appointed WBCDC board member, quoted from a series of WBCDC documents which stated Portals' obligations to WBCDC. She inquired who develops grant award guidelines? And she asked who tells the community that it is time to apply? Who tells them when that time is closed?

Hopkins agreed that the history is murky and that the grant process is not clear.

Later in the meeting WBCDC Pres. Britt told Hopkins that WBCDC would give Portals a detailed plan for distributing the money. It would, he said, be accepted by Portals or negotiated with Branton so that the community could get the full benefit of promised money.

Active Man

Hopkins said he is president of the Anacostia Economic Development Corp. It is one of over a dozen CDCs in the District. Anacostia and Southwest DC can be expected to compete for District funds.

The Anacostia CDC has a subsidiary, a for-profit holding company. Hopkins is the president of that holding company. He said the holding company has a 33% interest in Eastcoast Devel-

opment Co., active in the Portals work and in other large developments elsewhere in the U.S. Hopkins said he is secretary-treasurer of Eastcoast.

Ron Britt, later elected WBCDC president, was at that meeting. He said he might have a record of that meeting.

WBCDC board had been trying to meet with the Panel of 5 for several months in order to clear up the money flow and the grants administration. In addition to Hopkins, another member of the Panel of 5 at the WBCDC meeting on Dec. 16th was Charles Hargrave, chair of Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2-D. Hargrave told the Dec. 16th meeting he was attending as an individual, and could not speak for the Panel of 5 that evening. When asked where the other members of the Panel of 5 were, Hopkins replied that Mr. James Dowdy, head of Portals, was in St. Thomas in the Virgin Islands. Duryea Smith, he said, was a new appointee to the Redevelopment Land Agency and was unfamiliar with the Portals/WBCDC history. The employment security official on the Panel of 5, Hopkins told a WBCDC board member, has only been in that position since the Spring of 1992 and is unaware of the complete history.

It was in this connection that Hopkins remarked that "No one has come around [to Portals] asking questions" about the implementation of the community portion of the contract between the developers and the city's Redevelopment Land Agency [RLA].

The meeting heard quotations from two different documents meant to describe the money flow. One dealt with the RLA/Portals relationship. The other designated WBCDC as the mechanism for distributing Portals' contributions to the community. It was not clear which documents, or which oral agreements apply now.

RIVERSIDE BAPTIST CHURCH TNT PROGRAM

The program has been running for nearly five years in a variety of incarnations. It began with a core of about five boys who the pastor took out to play basketball and have ice cream. Over the years it has become a major focus of the Deacon's board and the outreach program of the church.

Currently there are boys and girls involved in the program. They are in upper elementary school and junior high. The program's goal is to assist them in modifying their behaviors and assisting them in their learning process.

Each student is assigned one tutor who will work one on one with the student. It is an attempt to create a mentor relationship so that the student may have a role model within the program. Tutors are not required to be members of the church. However, some of the current tutors are members or regular visitors to the church.

Ultimately it is hoped that the program can be expanded to five or six days a week providing the students with a safe, comfortable place to study and learn. The tutoring program seems to be the ideal place to start. The church and students are not quite ready for the daily program. More tutors are needed who can give their time to assisting the children with their school work. Something new is being tried this year and that is a focus on ecology, with special emphasis on the harbor area here in Southwest, and the rainforests. It will culminate in the Spring when cherry tree seedlings started this winter will be planted. Interested? Call Barbara at 301-320-4192.

ST. VINCENT'S PLAYS AN ACTIVE PART

The new priest, Father Joseph Del Vecchio phoned to report on various happenings at St. Vincent's Church. Although he has been at St. Vincent's for several years, his official installation is scheduled to be on January 17 at 11:00. We will report on it in the next issue. That same night, St. Vincent's plans to join in with other churches by ringing bells for the inauguration of Bill Clinton.

Every Sunday, each of the parishioners brings a bag lunch to services. They are collected and the two hundred bags are distributed to the Randall Shelter. Thus St. Vincent's joins St. Dominic's, St. Augustine's, and Temple Micah in helping the shelter.

Before 'Xmas, they had a Blanket Drive. About 75 were collected. The teens of the church went out and distributed them to the homeless. The remaining ones were taken to the Randall Shelter.

Every week since July, these same teens have been filling shoe boxes with toiletries. Prior to 'Xmas, the parishioners wrapped each box and the gifts were taken over to the shelter.

St. Vincent's had a "Toys for Tots" Fashion Show and the admission was one new, unwrapped toy. The beneficiaries were some of the kids in the parish and Children's Hospital.

We really appreciate phone calls like this and other churches, schools, community groups and individuals are encouraged to call or drop written articles off in the library. Let your community know what you are doing.

USMC Chamber Music Season Starts

On Sunday, January 3rd, "The President's Own" presented the first concert in its 1993 Chamber Music Series in historic John Philip Sousa Hall at the Marine Barracks, 8th and I Streets, S.E., Washington, D.C. Members of the band will perform a variety of chamber music such as solos, sonatas, trios and works for mixed ensembles during chamber music concerts every Sunday at 3:00 p.m. through February 21st.

All concerts by the U.S. Marine Chamber Ensemble are free and no tickets are required. Limited street parking is available or ride METRO to Eastern Market Station and walk approximately three blocks south on 8th Street to the Marine Barracks. Doors open at 2:30 p.m. For more information, call 202-433-4011.

GUEST SPEAKER

Temple Micah is having Congresswomen Eleanor Holmes Norton as guest speaker on Friday, January 29. Services are at 8:15 PM & everyone is invited to come to 600 M Street, S.W.

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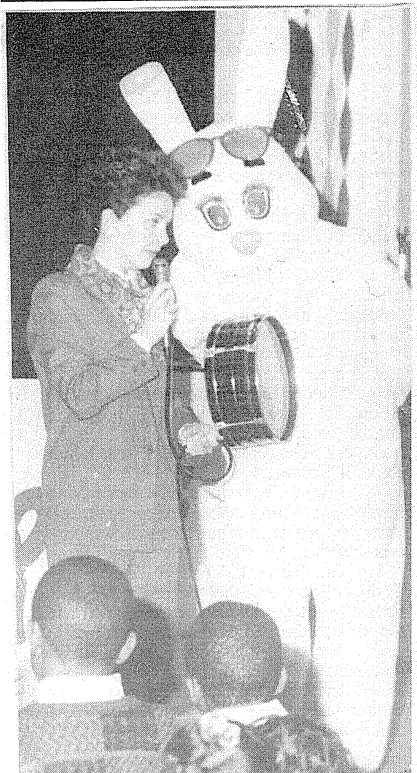
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Third grader Jacqueline Marsh receives the top reader award in her class. Her teacher, Ms. Boykin (left), helps her accept the award.

JAMES CREEK & VISION 2020

James Creek Resident Council is meeting on Tuesday January 25. Their speaker will be Mr. Fundersmith of the Office of Planning. He will be discussing the Vision 2020 Plan. The Urban Renewal Plan will expire at various times in different areas of S.W. By the year 2020, the URP will cease to exist.

ANTHONY BOWEN STUDENTS EARN TOP AWARDS IN READING OLYMPICS

More than 140 students at the Anthony Bowen Elementary School were honored at an award ceremony on December 16 following their enthusiastic participation in a five-week, Navy-sponsored Reading Olympics Contest. Students in grades three through six distinguished themselves by reading and reporting on a record-breaking 775 books.

Eight students earned "Top Reader Awards" for earning the most points in their classes. Winners included: Jacqueline Marsh and Dontria Brawner (third grade), Alvin Headspeath and Carmelita Cook (fourth grade), Remi Martin and Ebony Franklin (fifth grade), and Y. Young and Stephen Burgess (sixth grade).

The contest rules were simple: read books from a special book list, write reports and earn points to win. Several enticements motivated students to read, write and win. Pizza parties were offered to the winning classes at each grade level. Gold, silver and bronze medallions were awarded to each member of the 18 participating teams.

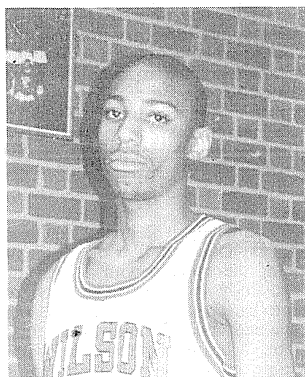
A seven-foot tall, rotund, pizza-loving bunny served as mascot for the contest. During his surprise visits to the school for the contest kick-off and the awards ceremony, he begged to be part of the contest - hoping to win the pizza party. Although he failed to convince students of his eligibility for the contest he did entertain them and encourage them to discover the fun of reading.

This year's Reading Olympics was the second annual contest sponsored by volunteers from the Navy's Military Sealift Command, a neighborhood partner to the school during the past four years.

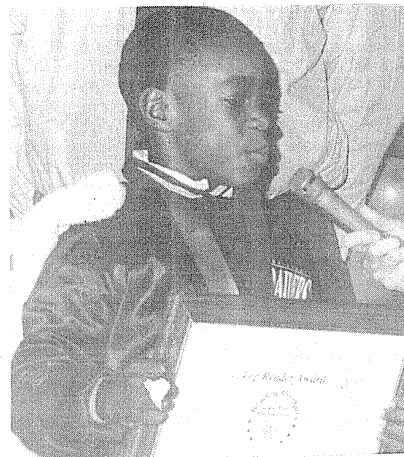
The contest is just one of the command's many initiatives to help students. Almost 50 MSC volunteers provide tutoring, reading and essay contests, field trips for students, a speakers program, bulletin board designs, and government surplus equipment and supplies.

MSC, headquartered in Washington,

HENRY WHETHERBY, ALL-TOURNAMENT



Henry Whetherby, Wilson High senior, was given all-tournament recognition at both the Bullis tournament in Potomac, MD, and the Armory Tournament at Georgetown University. The Southwest resident is frequently high scorer for the Wilson varsity.



Alvin Headspeath, top reader in Mr. Gunn's 4th grade class, discusses his favorite book after receiving his award



Students beam with pride as they accept their medallions at the Reading Olympics award ceremony

THE VAN NESS ELEMENTARY CHORUS

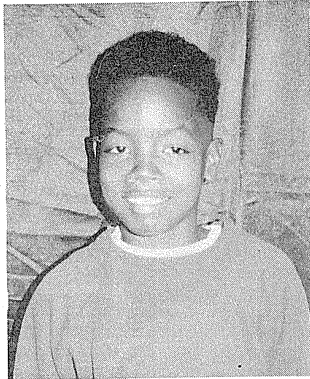
For the second consecutive year, the Van Ness Elementary Chorus, under the direction of Ms. Erline Council, performed on the steps of the Lincoln Memorial at the annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. wreath laying ceremony. Ms. Council and the chorus were extremely excited and proud to receive this honor again. They worked very hard to make their presentation an outstanding one.



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Phillip Crooms, Van Ness Elementary 4th grader, all ready for the Inaugural

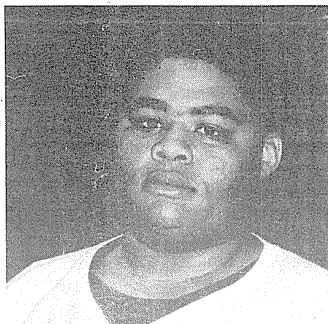
INAUGURAL BUS TRIP

Phillip Crooms, a fourth grade student at Van Ness Elementary School was one of eight students selected from 10,700 entries in a contest sponsored by The Washington Post Newspaper. The contest encouraged students to write a letter to President Clinton. Phillip's letter was selected and he was the recipient of \$500.00. In addition to the monetary award, Phillip, his mother, Vallon Crooms, aunt, Teresa Govan, and principal, Casandra J. Butler, met then President-to-be and Mrs. Clinton and Vice President-to-be and Mrs. Gore. Phillip also participated in the other preinaugural activities which included a bus ride to Montecello where he and his guests spent the night at a luxurious hotel and participated in a group discussion about the Declaration of Independence with the President. He also attended the concert at the Lincoln Memorial. Phillip's award and recognition have truly provided the students, staff, parents, and community with an overwhelming sense of pride and accomplishment.

AARON MILLER WINS SHOT PUT

Long-time Southwest resident, Aaron Miller, is a member of the H. D. Woodson High School track team. He won the shot put competition at a recent track meet at Seaton Hall.

As a long time member of the Metropolitan Police Boys and Girls some years ago, he was known as "Bam'Bam."



HATS OFF TO CONGRESSWOMAN

Congresswoman Eleanor Holmes Norton won the right to vote on the House floor January 6, a historic first for the District of Columbia. She and the four other delegates will vote in the Committee of the Whole, but not in full House proceedings.

Congresswoman Norton also won the right to preside as chair of the Committee of the Whole. She expects to be the chair the next time that the Committee of the Whole meets. This achievement marks the most significant structural change in the District's status since Home Rule was granted and the District was allowed a Delegate.

In addition, Congresswoman Norton has been named Chair of the Post Office and Civil Service Subcommittee on Compensation and Employee Benefits, unusual for a Member in only her second term. The Congresswoman said she was "particularly delighted to get this subcommittee chairmanship because it will handle perhaps the most important issues for federal workers this year." These include reform of the Federal Employee Health Benefits Program and the health insurance system for federal employees, as well as passage of the long awaited Family & Medical Leave Act for federal workers.

Congresswoman Norton has been a "shining light" for D.C.

Southwester in 'Malcolm X'

You all know him as one of the helpful guys who works at the library. But, there is a whole other side to Greg Bargeman. He is a fine orator-actor.

Greg has performed across states for audiences of all ages. He has appeared in lead roles in "Tapestry" (UNC Readers' Theater), "Past is the Past" (Encore Theatre), "Seven Last Words" (Creative Accent), and "Voodoo" (Encore Theatre). He is best known for creating and performing in two famed one-man shows: "Vive Noire" and "Fade to Black." His one-man performances focus on African American poetry, literary readings and speeches. He presents the famous speeches of such Black leaders as Marcus Garvey, Reverend Jesse Jackson, Minister Louis Farrakhan, Malcolm X and Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Greg's most recent accomplishment is the role of Elijah Muhammad's bodyguard in the movie, MALCOLM X.

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Mrs. Branton Honored Murray Elected

Mrs. Lucille Branton was honored at the annual meeting of the Wiley Branton Community Development Corp. on Jan. 13th. The CDC was named after her late husband who invariably included Mrs. Branton in all his civil rights activities wherever they took him, the meeting was told. [Photo, P.4]

Branton, who was Howard University's law dean, gained national fame fighting discrimination, and was instrumental in integrating public schools in Little Rock, Ark.

After inspirational remarks from Mrs. Branton the meeting elected Lonnie Murray to the CDC board. Murray is an accountant, financial advisor, and realty investor. He is treasurer of the *Southwester*.

Mrs. Phyllis Martin and Walter Brooks were re-elected to the board of directors. Nathaniel Polster, a board member one year, was not re-elected.

Alphonso Coles, treasurer, reported that, at the end of 1992, \$17,883 was in the WBCDC treasury.

CHLOETHIEL WOODARD SMITH

Chloethiel Smith died December 30, 1992 at the age of 82. She has been an architect for nearly fifty years. The Washington Post writer, Benjamin Forgey wrote extensively about her life and her career.

"Smith was deeply involved in both the planning and building stages of the development of Southwest Washington during the '50s and '60s. With her partner, Nicholas Saterlee she designed Capitol Park, one of the earliest and biggest of the residential complexes there, notable at the time for its variations of scale, from row house to apartment slab. Later, in charge of her own firm, she designed Harbour Square, a more intimate project that was one of the first in the area to incorporate historic structures."

She loved her city, Washington, D.C. and we in Southwest appreciate what she did for us.

CIVIC LEADER WITH SOUTHWEST KIN HONORED

A portrait of Cecil Norton Broy, granddaughter and mother of residents of Southwest Washington, was added to the Museum of the National Woman's Party in ceremonies on October 9 at the historic Sewall-Belmont House.

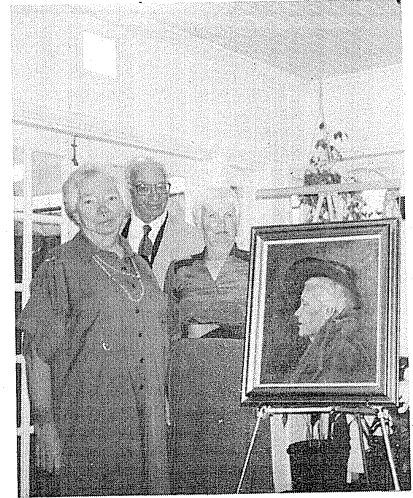
Mrs. Broy was active in Washington civic and educational affairs from 1914 until her death in 1977. Her maternal grandfather, Jacob Bruchheiser, was living on Delaware Avenue S.W. when he died in 1875. Mrs. Broy's daughter, Beverly Broy Leidel, has lived in Capitol Park IV since 1977.

Joining the National Woman's Party in 1940, Mrs. Broy served as political chair of the National Council for twenty-five years, working closely with Alice Paul for the passage of the Equal Rights Amendment. The NWP is the suffrage organization instrumental in getting the 19th Amendment [which guaranteed women the right to vote] passed in 1920. In 1923, NWP founder, Alice Paul, wrote the Equal Rights Amendment, which remains a priority issue.

Mrs. Broy, who began her career as an elementary public school teacher in Washington, was the organizing director of the Community Center Department of the Washington schools. Assisted by Margaret Woodrow Wilson, she was instrumental in obtaining legislation to establish the first community centers in the District of Columbia. These later evolved into the Recreation Department. During her tenure as director, the first National Community Christmas tree celebration was held with President Coolidge in attendance.

In 1938, Mrs. Broy was recommended for the ambassadorship to Russia, the first woman to be seriously considered for a major diplomatic post. She served as curator of the museum of the Daughters of the American Revolution. At the time of her death, Mrs. Broy was one of two women members of the legislative committee of Diplomatic and Consular Officers Retired, working to secure benefits for all widows of the career Foreign Service Officers.


The portrait presented by Mrs. Broy's children, Anne Miller, James Broy, and Beverly Leidel, to the Sewall-Belmont House collection,



Anne Miller, James Broy, Beverly Leidel
w. picture of Mrs. Broy

was painted by artist Megan Pisciotta, granddaughter of Robert Emmett Norton, brother of Mrs. Broy. A native of the Washington area, Ms. Pisciotta graduated from the University of Maryland. She studied art history at the Università di Pavia in Italy, painting and sculpture at the American University, drawing with Robert D'Arista, sculpting with Brad Parker and painting with Jack Boul at the Washington Studio School. She has exhibited in solo and group shows.

One of the oldest houses in Washington, the Sewall-Belmont House rests on land granted by King Charles to the second Lord Baltimore in 1632. The house, at 144 Constitution Avenue, N.E., serves as a museum and art gallery commemorating the history of women's suffrage and the Equal Rights Amendment. It was declared a National Historic Landmark in 1972 under the care of the National Park Service and The Women's Party Corporation and is open to the public.




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ST. AUGUSTINE INDUCTS AND CELEBRATES NEW RECTOR

By Thelma D. Jones

After months and months of pouring over papers and documents and interviewing candidates, the Reverend John Thayer Talbott was identified as the new rector at St. Augustine's Episcopal Church. Located at 6th and M Streets, S.W., St. Augustine's instituted and inducted the Reverend Talbott on December 6th. The historic and festive celebration was performed by The Rt. Reverend Jane Hart Holmes Dixon, Suffragan Bishop of the Diocese of Washington. Bishop Dixon, performing her first celebration of a new ministry, was consecrated on November 19 at the National Cathedral as the second woman bishop of the Episcopal Church and the third in the worldwide Anglican Communion.

The celebration began on a high note with the procession of presenters, readers, and a corp of acolytes. The choir, poised in new blue robes, sang magnificently under the direction of Nancy Taxson. A crowd of people from around the diocese and neighborhood, relatives and friends from Baltimore, Connecticut, Philadelphia, and Tennessee, witnessed the historic service. The theme of Bishop Dixon's sermon was "The Ministry of the people." She highly praised St. A's for its efforts in reaching out to others, notably for its relationship with Temple Micah "in sharing space with another faith." Noting the curriculum at St. A's, she stated: "This is the way that the people of God should live together. Your way is truly the way that it should happen. We each have a ministry. They differ from one another and your congregation reflects this." Bishop Dixon also reflected on the violence in the city and further praised St. A's for its various efforts in the community, primarily with the S.W. youth employment program and the feeding of the homeless at Randall Center. After the induction, Bishop Dixon presented Reverend Talbott to the congregation by saying: "Greet your new rector:" and a long ovation followed, clearly indicating the congregation's joyful acceptance of John Thayer Talbott as its new rector. An elegant reception in the undercroft immediately followed the service.



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Southwester Interview with
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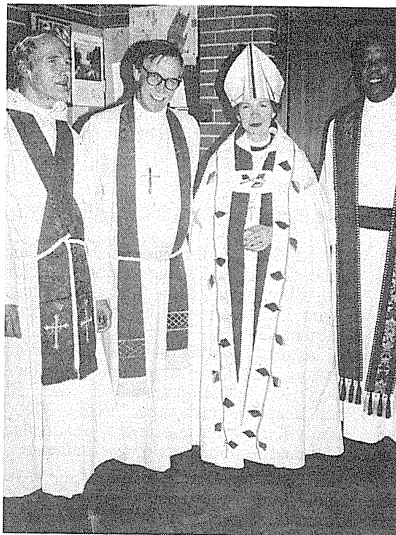
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1993 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS ARE AT LIBRARY

Applications for SW Scholarships are available at the Library, 920 Wesley Pl. To apply, you must be a resident of SW and planning to attend college in the Fall. Last year over \$15,000 was awarded to the 19 recipients. This amount was made possible because of lots of donations from the community including two large donations. One was from Portals Development and the other was from COMSAT. The amount raised varies from year to year.

We have received many "Thank you notes" from grateful recipients and we would like to share with you a letter received from Dr. William P. Hytche, president of the University of Maryland Eastern Shore. "Your generosity reflects your commitment to secure our nation's future by investing in its most precious resource - the education of its youth." This is the philosophy of the Scholarship Committee and thanks to all of you for making the commitment in 1992. We ask for your help in 1993, let's keep on investing.

PARTNERSHIP IN EDUCATION

For the past two months, Syphax Elementary School and the Department of Justice, have joined together in a partnership. At the November Ceremony marking the beginning of the arrangement one of the speakers was Walter Knauss. He is the DCPS Coordinator, Volunteer Services and he is also a former SW resident. Another speaker was the Principal, Mrs. Mary J. Williams.

When the school was "adopted", Syphax was promised a great deal of help. They have received far more than they expected. Ever since the signing, employees at the Department of Justice have been coming to Syphax and tutoring some fifty students twice a week. This is being done for all the grades.

In this partnership, it is hard to say who has received more, the employees of the Justice Department who have a deep feeling of satisfaction or the students who have learned so much through the tutoring.

LOSING WEIGHT

The Reverend John Talbott, the new Rector at St. Augustine Episcopal Church, 600 M Street, S.W., announces a Lenten Program offering a free 8-week diet and exercise program for everyone in the community who is interested in a spiritual approach to weight loss. We have found that with God's help, we are able to do many things which we cannot do by ourselves alone.

With God's help, we hope to learn how to take each day at a time, and shed some pounds while understanding how powerful the presence of the Holy Spirit can be in our lives. The program will begin with the Imposition of Ashes on Ash Wednesday, February 24, 1993 at 6PM and continue each Wednesday thereafter through Easter, April 11, 1993 at 7PM. The group will be following a diet and exercise program called "Forty Days to Freedom."

Everyone is also welcome to join us for Evening Prayer every Wednesday at 6PM and Pot Luck Supper at 6:30PM. The Spiritual Diet Group will meet at 7PM.

For registration or more information, call Nancy Taxson on 202-554-3222.

ARTISTIC AMIDON - 35 STUDENTS SELECTED

The entire student body of Amidon Elementary School participated in a banner contest sponsored by the Inaugural Committee. Thirty-five students were selected, and art teacher Beverly Carpenter stated that it was a very steep competition and even more difficult to select only thirty-five drawings from among the many talented students in grades K - 6. The banner welcomes President Clinton and Vice President Gore and their families to the new community. The children even held a mock election in which Clinton/Gore emerged winners. The students drew pictures of themselves to adorn the banner and hope that the new occupants of the White House will get a chance to see each one of them. The students are Lauren Andrews, Foroumata Bah, Amru Bakri-ab, Gerald Bailey, Craig Balmoris, Whitney Brown, Jerry Byrd, David Chen, Kwelli Collins, Kenneth Diggs, Alisha Faunteroy, Delmar Freeman, Shaun Gaine, Hera Ikononi, Aaron Jackson, Cleveland Jones, Jamal Jones, Gregory King, Zackary McCombs, Phillip Mitchell, Byron Miller, Nadine Monterio, Joi Nash, Marquis Nazyck, Rachael Nobel, Eugenia Norde', Ada Orellana, Oscar Pera, Dorothy Phoenix, Ashlee Ranson, Andre Smith, Crystal Spencer, Taj Spencer and Albert Williams.

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ANC 2-D Explores Grants

At its January 11, 1993 meeting ANC 2D:

1. Agreed to a request from 2 condominium presidents to delay until February 8, voting on endorsing legislation designed to aid residents of "common ownership communities."
2. Listened to a briefing concerning a building permit that the DC government issued for 511 H Street SW, ignoring the ANC's request that it be given an opportunity to comment on the permit before it was issued.
3. Decided to oppose the Embarcadero Corp.'s application for a renewal of its liquor license at the Eastside club; at its February meeting, the ANC will consider whether to maintain its opposition or withdraw its opposition.
4. Agreed to stand aside while the Wiley Branton Community Development Corporation negotiated an agreement with the "Panel of Five" concerning the implementation of the Portal developers' community participation plan; the ANC, however, wants to review the agreement at a later date.
5. Rejected a bylaws proposal to expand the size of the Executive Committee from 5 to 6 members. At its February meeting, the ANC will consider reducing the committee to four, the Chairperson, Vice Chairperson, Secretary and Treasurer.
6. Left in tact its opposition to raising the height limit on the Portal site when a motion to support the change failed on a tie vote.
7. Decided to continue meeting on the 2nd Monday of each month, except in October when it will meet on the 3rd Monday, and in August when the Commission will not meet.

8. Authorized the Chairperson to sign a revised "voluntary agreement" withdrawing opposition to the 3rd & K Street Market's beer and wine license if the other license opponents agree to the revisions.

NEXT MEETING: The next meeting of the ANC will be 7:30 pm, Monday, February 8, at 400 I Street SW (in the basement of Westminster Church).

At its December 14, 1992 meeting ANC 2D:

1. Endorsed Commissioner James Jennings' application to the DC government to close part of an alley in his SMD. The alley is located in Square 799 next to the 3rd & K Market in Southeast.
- (1) Agreed to send a letter to the Office of Planning complimenting them on their recent report on development of the Buzzard Point/Near Southeast area, "Vision 2020." The letter will also note concerns about displacement mentioned by members of the audience.
2. Voted to endorse HR-5870, the "DC Land Use Notification Act of 1992," introduced by Del. Eleanor Holmes Norton. This legislation would require federal officials to notify DC officials, including ANCs, of land use decisions that would affect DC.
3. Decided not to oppose ABC applications by Danker's West, 525 School SW, #9203; Luciano's Pizza, 700 L'Enfant, #11052; and, Le Rivage, 1000 Water Street SW, #22937.
4. Approved publishing a draft budget for FY93 for public comment and review.
5. Approved spending up to \$200 for a new computer printer.

The February ANC Meeting will be Monday, February 8 at 7:30 pm at 400 I St., SW

Assembly Meets January 28

The Southwest Neighborhood Assembly will have its monthly meeting on Thursday, January 28th at St. Matthews Lutheran Church at 7:30 pm.

The Black History Celebration is tentatively scheduled for either February 7th or the 14th in the afternoon. A flier will announce the correct date, place and the speaker.

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*Southwest Store Compared with Forestville Store***One-Day Sample Survey Shows 27% Higher Prices in SW**

By Sara Gurgun

In a one-time test marketing of a sample market basket of groceries, the Waterside Mall Safeway charged 27% more than the nearest Shoppers Food Warehouse in Forestville, Maryland.

As in other cities, this survey seems to substantiate that urban families are often charged more for groceries than suburban families, even though suburbs usually are where higher income people live.

To reach a fair comparison, the test team bought groceries from the two different stores on the same day, January 5. Every effort was made by the test team to ensure that comparable prices were recorded.

The grocery bill for 50 items at the Shoppers store, in nearby Prince Georges County, came to \$62.98, whereas those same 50 items purchased at Waterside Safeway totalled \$79.99; a 27% difference in favor of Shoppers.

"It's not a fair comparison," said Larry Johnson, public affairs manager of the Eastern Division of Safeway. "They are two different stores, in two different competitive markets. The Southwest store is sitting in a place where there is virtually no competition. There is a Safeway next to the Shoppers, that would be a better comparison. There are different price areas throughout the market. One of the things that (price) is based on is the competitive activity within the area."

The survey showed that some of the items purchased at Safeway cost twice as much or more. However, five items were cheaper at Safeway than the same items at Shoppers.

For instance, a Safeway green pepper which weighed the same as the one bought from Shoppers cost more than twice as much, 29 cents at Shoppers, 61 cents at Safeway; a 110% difference. A Safeway eggplant which weighed the same as the Shoppers also cost more than twice as much; 59 cents at Shoppers, \$1.32 at Safeway for the same weight; a 108% difference.

Another produce item which cost more at Safeway was bananas. Shoppers' bananas cost 10 cents a pound; Safeway's, 55 cents a pound. The test team spent 48 cents on bananas at Shoppers, \$1.32 at Safeway for the same weight, or a 175% difference.

The items with the biggest difference were watercress, grapefruit and broccoli. All three cost at least three times as much at Safeway. A bunch of watercress bought at Shoppers cost 33 cents, at Safeway it was 99 cents, triple the price. The test team spent 25 cents for a small pink grapefruit at Shoppers, at Safeway 89 cents for one; a 256% difference. Of all the 50 items, the biggest difference was for broccoli. At Shoppers the team spent 44 cents, \$1.74 at Safeway for the same weight, for a 295% difference. Produce was not the only thing that cost more than twice as much at Safeway. The test team bought a 16 ounce bottle of hydrogen peroxide at Shoppers for 48 cents, at Safeway the team spent \$1.09 for the same size bottle; a 127% difference.

Those five items that were cheaper at Safeway included a 16 ounce bottle of unsalted planters peanuts which was \$2.49 at Safeway and \$2.72 at Shoppers; a 9% difference. The test team also spent less on Safeway brand mild cheddar cheese than on Shoppers' brand. At

Safeway \$2.30 was spent, at Shoppers \$2.42; a 5% difference.

The cheapest frozen orange juice at Safeway cost the team 99 cents, the cheapest at Shoppers (same size) cost \$1.22; a 23% difference. The team also spent less on chicken wings at Safeway. They cost \$1.62 at Safeway, at Shoppers \$1.90 for the same amount of wings; a 17% difference. The biggest difference in favor of Safeway seemed to be for ground beef. Safeway ground beef cost \$3.18; for the same amount at Shoppers it cost \$5.90; an 85% difference. Shoppers meat was labelled "lean," Safeway's label didn't mention fat content.

Some of the differences in favor of Shoppers were not so large. There were several items which differed by only a few cents. For instance, the test team spent 49 cents for two limes at Shoppers and spent a penny more for two at Safeway. A bottle of Evian water cost the team \$1.63 at Shoppers and six cents more at Safeway. The cheapest brand of skim milk cost 75 cents a quart at Shoppers; the team spent six cents more for the cheapest Safeway brand.

Here are price differences on a few standard canned items which the team found: 20 ounce can of Dole pineapple chunks, \$1 at Shoppers, \$1.19 at Safeway; cheapest 16 ounce can of pork and beans, 45 cents at Shoppers, 55 cents at Safeway; 16 ounce can of Libby Lite peach slices, 96 cents at Shoppers, \$1.29 at Safeway; Del Monte no-salt corn weighing 17 ounces, 44 cents at Shoppers, 77 cents at Safeway; McCormick half-ounce parsley flakes, \$1.50 at Shoppers, \$1.89 at Safeway; cheapest 29 ounce can of tomato puree, \$1.02 at Shoppers, \$1.37 at Safeway. The cheapest brand of a 16 ounce can of peeled tomatoes cost 55 cents at Shoppers, 75 cents at Safeway.

As for cleaning items and other household products, a 22 ounce bottle of Fantastik was \$2.10 at Shoppers, \$2.65 at Safeway; Arm & Hammer concentrated laundry detergent, 10 pounds, \$6.30 at Shoppers, \$8.19 at Safeway. The cheapest brand of scrub sponge, 57 cents at Shoppers, 69 cents at Safeway. Six rolls of White Cloud toilet tissue at Shoppers cost \$2.15, \$2.29 at Safeway. A 12 1/2 ounce bottle of Suave Aloe body lotion cost \$1.50 at Shoppers, but a smaller, 10 ounce bottle of the same brand cost \$1.99 at Safeway. The difference might have been that a new special (wholesale) price was involved that had not yet been introduced to the Safeway shelves.

Turning to crackers and cookies, 9 ounces of soft baked Pepperidge Farm cookies, \$2.34 at Shoppers, \$2.59 at Safeway. A 4 1/2 ounce box of Carr's biscuits cost \$1.28 at Shoppers, \$1.49 at Safeway. A 10.6 ounce box of Red Oval Farms stoned wheat crackers, \$1.58 at Shoppers, \$2.23 at Safeway. Breton crackers, 8 ounces, \$1.48 at Shoppers, \$1.99 at Safeway. Utz no-salt potato chips, 6 1/2 ounces, \$1.35 at Shoppers, \$1.49 at Safeway.

As for fish, perch fillets were \$2.78 per pound at Shoppers, \$3.99 per pound at Safeway. Acme herring in sour cream was \$2.47 for 16 ounces at Shoppers. There was no exactly comparable item at Safeway, but a smaller 12 ounce bottle of Vita herring in sour cream was \$3.39 at Safeway.

In dairy products, a pint of half and half cream was 55 cents at Shoppers, 85 cents at Safeway. The cheapest pound of margarine at Shoppers was 34 cents, the cheapest at Safeway was 63 cents. For Kraft Philadelphia Lite

(Neuchatel) cheese, the price was 88 cents at Shoppers, \$1.19 at Safeway.

How is a customer treated at the two stores? People were very nice at Safeway. In terms of service, both stores had staff who were helpful and friendly. At Safeway several items were missing from shelves, but clerks pleasantly informed the test team that the items were out of stock (boneless chicken breasts) or even better, went to the back rooms to fetch the items for the team (eggplant, soda water).

In terms of shopping experience, Shoppers Food Warehouse is a bigger store and was less crowded than Safeway. The team checked out at the cash register at Shoppers at 4:19 p.m., and checked out of Safeway at 6:41 p.m., and, predictably, the Safeway was more crowded at that time of day.

The survey team found no sale items "out of stock" at Shoppers. At Safeway a sale on canned corn left only one can on the shelf.

A negative factor at Shoppers: customers pay 3 cents for each paper or plastic bag and must usually bag their own groceries. Shoppers Warehouse often makes cardboard boxes available free for people who think they are more convenient.

At Safeway careful attention is given to bagging. The clerks do it, not the customers; and Safeway customers don't pay for the bags.

The team, taking care to make an accurate survey, spent over an hour in Safeway. Though the first hour of parking would have been free, the charge for parking more than an hour was \$2.75. Added to the \$79.99 Safeway grocery total, the parking fee would raise the cost difference between Shoppers and Safeway to 31%.

• How Survey Was Done •

The survey was performed by Sara Gurgun, graduate student in journalism, a former resident of D.C., and a tally aide.

The test team shopped at the Forestville, MD Shoppers Food Warehouse first and then tried to duplicate the same list at the Waterside.

There were a few instances where the same product wasn't available at each store; therefore, such purchases at Shoppers were withdrawn from the tally to maintain comparability. For example, Safeway was out of boneless chicken breasts and the store was either out of, or didn't carry the same brand and type of pizza bought at Shoppers nor the same brand and type of cereal.

In order to be fair and accurate, the test team bought the same brand at each store or the cheapest brand available at each store.

Whenever there were any differences in weight for an item, like fruits or vegetables, the weight bought at Shoppers was applied to the Safeway price to preserve comparability. That is, the survey shows what Safeway would have charged, at Safeway prices, for the same item that was first purchased at Shoppers.

The items were surveyed on the same day, because grocery prices often fluctuate rapidly. The survey does not take into account the fact that the Shoppers store is seven miles from the Safeway. With limited shopping facilities in Southwest D.C., Safeway's service to the community is not measured by prices alone.

The survey does not represent an "average" or "typical" market basket. Nor does it represent what any segment of the buyers was likely to purchase. The items were picked at random.

People at Annual Meeting of Wiley Branton Community Development Corporation



Lucille Branton speaking at meeting



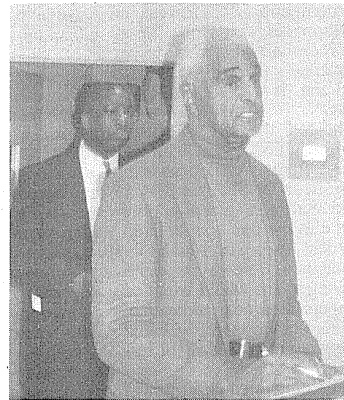
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